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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This preliminary amendment is filed in order to facilitate processing of the above-identified application. Please amend the above-noted application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1, 4, 5 and 12 without prejudice, replace claims 2, 3 and add new claims 13-24 as follows:

2. (Amended) A semiconductor device comprising:
- an active area being provided with at least one MOS transistor; and
- an insulating film defining said active area, wherein
- said active area is set in a shape having a concave part in a shape along a plan view,
- said active area is provided with:
- an ordinary region, and

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